IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Kenji SOEJIMA et al.

Title:

CONSTRUCT COMPRISING RECOGNITION DOMAIN OF ANTIBODY AGAINST VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR-

SPECIFIC CLEAVING ENZYME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed June 7, 2007 extended to December 7, 2007 pursuant to the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-4 and 8-13, for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment accompany this response, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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